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The “New” Clayton State University – Wonderful!

by Leigh G. Wills, University Relations



Clayton State University
Provost and Vice President
for Academic Affairs
Dr. Sharon Hoffman shares
Clayton State's new direction.

It hasn't taken long for Clayton State University to get up to speed regarding the recent organizational changes within Academic Affairs. Over the past two to three years Clayton State has been in the process of transforming itself by expanding programs and adding majors, including four new graduate programs. All this continues to add to the institution's already exceptional reputation as a challenging and comprehensive metropolitan university. But it doesn't stop there.

Recently, Dr. Sharon E. Hoffman, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, met with university administrators to clarify the direction the “new” Clayton State was taking; including the whys and wherefores of that new path. In addition, two new web sites have been launched, heralding the new School of Nursing and the new College of Professional Studies. To see the new websites, visit nursing.clayton.edu and cps.clayton.edu, respectively.

“The College of Professional Studies is an umbrella college that will allow us to enroll other professional programs,” says Hoffman about the new college.

It is one of three colleges now housed at Clayton State University. The other two are the College of Arts & Sciences, formerly the School of Arts and Sciences, and the College of Mathematics and Information Technology. The College of Professional Studies integrates two former schools; the School of Technology and the School of Health Sciences. Interim Dean Dr. Benita Moore will oversee the programs offered within the new college, which will include Dental Hygiene, Health Care Management, Administrative Management, Technology Management and the Master of Health Administration.

The School of Nursing, once a department within the School of Health Sciences is now a stand-alone school. Dr. Lisa Eichelberger, dean of the School of Health Sciences will retain her position as dean of the School of Nursing. Programs offered through the School of Nursing include the Basic RN Licensure Track, the RN/BSN Completion Track and the Master of Science in Nursing.

The College of Arts & Science (CAS), the largest academic body within the univer-

sity, has seven departments and multiple programs and is not expected to see any substantial change in the near future. As home to the university's first Master's program, the Master of Arts with a major in Liberal Studies, Hoffman says the faculty and staff of CAS are all very pleased with the current status.

The most recent addition to the university's program list is the School of Business' Master of Business Administration (MBA), which offers a concentration in Logistics Supply/Chain Management, the only one in the State of Georgia. Last year, the School's accreditation through AACSB, the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, was also a major accomplishment and the fulfillment of the University's only endowed chair, the C. S. Conklin Chair of Logistics/Supply Chain Management has enabled the School to offer a very successful undergraduate concentration, which will carry over to the master's program.

Finally, the School of Graduate Studies becomes the newest addition to the burgeoning university. This school will virtually stand alone in many aspects and committees are being formed, including a graduate council, which will serve as advisory and decision making entities for the school. These committees will be separate from any undergraduate committees to comply with accreditation standards. Even though the Master degree programs are housed in their respective schools and colleges, they all will be administered under the School of Graduate Studies.

Hoffman's main point in her presentation was to emphasize that Clayton State is a full, comprehensive university. The changes being seen within the university

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Nursing Students “Victimized” In Emergency Preparedness Drill

by Leigh G. Wills, University Relations

Clayton State University nursing students participated in an emergency preparedness drill last week at the Clayton County judicial building on Tara Boulevard, where “terrorists” planted three bombs and held victims hostage for several hours. One bomb exploded inside a fourth floor courtroom, another, containing a white powder later identified as anthrax, exploded in a car in the parking lot and the third, another car bomb, was found by the Riverdale canine unit and disposed of by the local bomb squad.

All of this was make-believe, of course. There wasn’t any real bomb, though there were firecrackers and smoke, and there wasn’t any real anthrax. The purpose was to test and practice protocols, plans, and communication between each of the participating agencies. The vic-



Photograph from “Clayton News Daily”

tims held hostage inside the courtroom were the Clayton State nursing students and fire fighter recruits.

“It was so amazing and a little scary/exhilarating when the ‘bad guys’ took hostages at gun point [and] shot several dead,” said Toniese Craft, one of the Clayton State nursing students. “[I] listened to negotiations and demands, and

watched as the SWAT team burst into the courtroom, dragged victims across the floor and even forced victims into handcuffs until they were triaged by emergency personnel. It was awesome! I would most definitely do this again.”

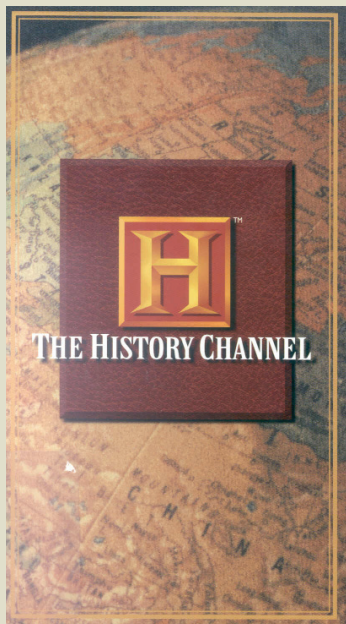
There were more than 100 participants from dozens of agencies on site that day. The Clayton County Board of Health, the FBI, Riverdale and Forest Park Police and Fire departments, Clayton County Public Schools, Forest Park and Riverdale Emergency Management Agencies, Clayton County Sheriff’s Department, Georgia State Public Laboratory and Forest Park and Clayton County Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), all partici-

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It’s the 60s, Stupid: How the 1960s Shaped the Politics of the 1990s

History Channel’s Steve Gillon Ties the Age of Aquarius to the Republican Revolution in Lecture

by John Shiffert, University Relations



History is cyclical, according to ancient Chinese thought. That may not be the same as “what goes around, comes around,” but, as Dr. Steve Gillon, The History Channel’s resident historian, pointed out in a Feb. 7 lecture at Clayton State, there should be no doubt that American politics of the 1960s played a major role in shaping the politics of the 1990s.

An authority on cultural history as well as political history, Gillon’s presentation, “It’s the 60s, Stupid’: How the 1960s Shaped the Politics of the 1990s,” showcased his ability to bring a wide array of experiences into a review of both recent political events and those of the Age of Aquarius... Vietnam, Civil Rights,

Hippies, Yippies, Gene McCarthy, the Chicago Seven, drugs and “Make Love, Not War.”

Gillon’s point was both a simple and compelling... that the issues that divided the nation in the 60s along what he refers to as “fault lines,” resurfaced in the politics of the 90s, in the guise of the battles between what were essentially the forces of choice, as represented by President Bill Clinton, and the forces arrayed against choice, as represented by Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich. Currently deeply involved in writing a book on the 90s and the Clinton/Gingrich relationship, Gillon recalled a conversation he had with the

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Cathy Jeffrey Awarded One of 10 Worldwide Bon Voyage Grants

The award of a grant in a worldwide competition is something special. And when there are only 10 such grants awarded, well Clayton State University has good reason to be proud of Cathy Jeffrey, head of Technical Services for the Clayton State Library.

Jeffrey is indeed one of only 10 recipients of the Endeavor Bon Voyage Grant. This past fall, Endeavor Information Systems, Inc., maker of the Library's Voyager online catalog software, offered 10 "Bon Voyage" grants of up to \$1,000 each to its worldwide user group to attend the Endeavor Users Group Meeting on from Apr. 24 to May 4, 2007 at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel & Convention Center in Schaumburg, Il. Jeffrey was recently notified that she was one of the 10 grant recipients, five others coming from within the United States, two from New Zealand, one from England, and one from Scotland.

"There are several modules which work together to both keep track of the Library's collection and make it available

to the user. Attendance at the annual meeting allows an individual to learn more about the system, including any new features that might be available," says Jeffrey. "It also allows us to network and build relationships with others who are using the same system and may have encountered similar problems and to provide feedback to the vendor to help influence the direction that system development will take.

"I expect to attend many programs that can have a direct and positive impact on my work."

Although Jeffrey was awarded an Endeavor Information Systems grant, the sponsor of the grants and of the EndUser 2007 meeting has since changed when Ex Libris bought out Endeavor in December 2006. Nonetheless, Ex Libris will continue to support the grants, the awarding of which was based on: the content, originality, and creativity of the essay; the need for funding; and the individual's role in using the Endeavor product. ■

Accounting Club Offers Tax Preparation Assistance Free of Charge

by Leigh G. Wills, University Relations

For the 17th straight year, Clayton State University's School of Business Accounting Club will be offering free IRS-certified tax preparation assistance to those whose income is \$36,000 or less.

For those who qualify, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) will be offered on a first come, first served basis on

Saturday, Feb. 10, Saturday Feb. 24, and Saturday, Mar. 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Monday, Feb. 26 and Monday, Mar. 12 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the School of Business' conference room,

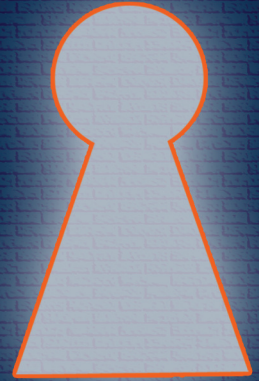
located on the Clayton State campus in the Administration building.

Two years ago, Clayton State accounting students offered



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THE KEYHOLE



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Alumni/Development Page

Clayton State Alumni Couples Tell Valentine's Day Crush Stories

Many Clayton State University students have fond memories of campus, whether it is the peacefulness of sitting at a lake-side bench and watching a swan gracefully meander across the water or remembering that special faculty/staff person that touched their life.

Additionally, a student's fondness for the University further strengthens with the attainment of a college degree, marking a significant milestone in one's life, the result much hard work and dedication. But for some graduates, their attachment to Clayton State is even more powerful, and for good reason ... it's where they met their "sweetheart."

In celebration of Valentine's Day next Wednesday, the Clayton State Office of Alumni Relations has featured some of these alumni, who met their Valentine's Day crush on the Clayton State campus.

"This was a really fun story," said Director of Alumni Relations Gid Rowell. "We received a huge outpouring of great stories and were able to reconnect with a number of alumni, including several alumni couples that we were unaware had married after graduation."

Rowell tells of one story of how cupid's persistent arrow took some time, but finally stuck in The Hub. It went something

like this, "She was a psychology major who had an unusually large number of problems with her laptop, and he was an information technology major who worked in The HUB. We are not quite sure how many of her laptop problems were real and how many were staged, but eventually her laptop problems were solved, which interestingly enough, coincided when the two became a couple."

Below is a sampling of other submitted stories and a list of married Clayton State alumni and former students. Rowell says the list is by no means an exhaustive one; only what the Department has in its database and welcomes any input or additional information on married alums.

Charles '04 & Michelle '03 (Braun) Clendenen

"The first moment I saw Michelle is my most memorable moment at Clayton State. She walked in late to the first class of our senior capstone. She made so much noise when she walked in, everyone looked up and the professor stopped. We made eye contact for the first time ... this is the moment that changed my life. We met our senior year at Clayton State and both lived on the northside of Atlanta, so we spent the commute getting to know each other."

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Alumni Association to Hold 15th Annual Meeting and Dinner at CNN Center's Omni Hotel



The Clayton State University Alumni Association has announced the date and venue for its 15th Annual Alumni Meeting and Dinner. The event will be held on Saturday, Apr. 14 at the Omni Hotel's Grand Ballroom at CNN Center in downtown Atlanta.

"I am thrilled about the plans for our Annual Meeting and Dinner this year," says Alumni Association President Dina Swearngin. "This is a time to celebrate the achievements of our alumni, and we are going all out with dinner and dancing

at the beautiful Omni Hotel. This has always been a special time for our friends and University family to get together and acquaint themselves to each other and to the exciting growth and development of Clayton State."

In conjunction with the dinner, the event features a keynote speaker, a silent auction and recognizes its 2007 Distinguished and Outstanding Alumni Award winners. More

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Arts Page

Theatre Major Lands Role in Theatre in the Square Production

by Lauren Graves, University Relations

When the lights go up on Marietta's Theatre in the Square April production of Catherine Trichmann's "crooked," Clayton State University Theatre major Brittany Loffert will find herself center stage in what she calls her "first professional gig as an actor."

Loffert will play the part of Laney Walters, a 14 year old with dystonia – a disorder that causes her to appear slightly hunch-backed – in this coming of age story for girls. The cast of "crooked" is small - only three characters. And one of those actors played an important real-life role in Loffert's transition into professional theatre.

Jessica Phelps West, who will play the role of Laney Water's mother in "crooked," is a respected local actor as well as an artistic associate for Marietta's Theatre in the Square. When Clayton State Theater Artistic Director Phillip DePoy invited West and two other local professionals to critique student Dana Staves's one act play "A Little Girl in Green Shoes," West was impressed with Loffert's portrayal of lead character Bridget Carlson. So impressed, in fact, she called Loffert to audition at Theatre in the Square.

"I had to prepare a monologue and read some sides from the show. I was getting over the flu and barely had a voice, so that distracted me because I felt that the directors weren't seeing me at my best," Loffert explains. Though concerned that

her illness had compromised her performance, Loffert got a callback and later learned that she had been chosen for the role.



Theatre major Brittany Loffert

"This is an amazing opportunity for me as an actress in Atlanta, and I am looking forward to working with the professional and well-recognized Theatre in the Square," says Loffert.

Loffert, a junior at Clayton State, will be able to count her experience at Theatre in the Square as an internship for academic credit, and she thanks Clayton State's new Theatre major and Phillip DePoy for helping her transition so quickly into professional theatre.

And the feeling is mutual. "I couldn't be prouder of Brittany," shares DePoy. "She started at Clayton State the same semester I did, and she's the perfect barometer for how our theatre is progressing. She's gone from smaller parts to significant leading roles, and she is one of the hardest working actors I have ever seen."

As far as her role in "crooked" is concerned, DePoy says, "Brittany has never wanted to do anything but be an actress. She was cast on her merit and that's what makes us proud to have her in our Theatre program."

Although Clayton State's Theatre degree program officially began this semester, DePoy has been linking students to the professional world of theatre since his

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Society of Composers Conference To Feature Work by Christel Vinot

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Christel Vinot, a junior Music Composition major at Clayton State University, will have a string quartet she wrote under the tutelage of Director of Theory and Composition Dr. Chris Arrell performed at



Christel Vinot

the upcoming 2007 Society of Composers, Inc., Region V Conference at Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa.

Vinot's work, titled "When Atonality Almost Won," was selected from a pool of 250 pieces submitted by 112 professional and student composers. The conference is scheduled for Feb. 22 to Feb. 24.

A junior graduate of Lovejoy High School, Vinot studies composition with Arrell and cello with Nan Kemberling. She has previously had her work performed by both professional and student musicians in, among other venues, Clayton State's world-famous Spivey Hall. While attending Lovejoy High School, she studied composition and performance with Dr. Richard Bell.

Vinot was awarded third place in the 2004 Georgia PTA "Reflections Musical Composition Competition," and has received performances of five of her previous works for string orchestra.

Arrell notes that "When Atonality Almost Won" will also be included in a series of Children's Concerts by the Dubuque Symphony Chamber Players at high

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Art

Alan Xie was "Commended" for his Still Image 24-Andrea by the National Portrait Gallery as a finalist for the Gallery's annual portrait competition.

Biology

Don Mikko, chief, Firearms Branch, US Army Criminal Investigations Laboratory will be the next speaker in the Frontiers of Science Series on Tuesday, Feb. 13, in room U327 of the Baker Center at 4:30 p.m. Mikko is the number one expert on forensic firearm examination in the world. He will not only share important information on various firearms and toolmark identification, but his presentation, which has aired on Good Morning America, ABC News and Fox News, will also include an onsite demonstration of how firearms and ammunition are examined in his laboratory.

Dr. Ynes Ortega, assistant professor at the University of Georgia's Center for Food Safety in Griffin, Ga., spoke on on "Food Safety in the U.S. an Overseas" on Tuesday, Feb. 6 as part of the 2007 Frontiers in Science Series. The next Frontiers in Science presentation will be by the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory's (USACIL) Don Mikko on Feb. 13 in room 327 of the University's James M. Baker Center from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mikko will speak on "Forensic Firearms and Toolmark Identification."

Center for Academic Success

On Feb. 13 and Feb. 14, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., the Center for Academic Success will hold its Midterm Tutoring Blitz. During this time, students may come into the Center on a walk-in basis to work with peer tutors, staff tutors, and faculty members. This event is an excellent opportunity for students to receive extra help while developing strong relationships with their instructors (and improve retention). If you are able to volunteer an hour or two during this event, please e-mail Kathy Garrison the times you will be available

and the subjects in which you would like to tutor. If you have any questions, contact Kathy Garrison or see <http://adminsivices.clayton.edu/caa/Tutoring%20Blitz/tutoringblitz.htm>.

CIMS

Glen Gordon and John Baker from Microsoft Corporation spoke on XNA Game Studio Express on Wednesday, Feb 7. Clayton State's Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) student group sponsored the speakers.

City of Morrow

The City of Morrow, in association with Conner's Florist & Gifts, will host a reception for the employees of Delta Airlines at the Morrow Tourist Center from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26. Delta Airlines executives will be in attendance to shake hands with the employees and show their appreciation for the employees' contributions with the US Airways unsuccessful hostile takeover. For more information, please contact City of Morrow Director of Tourism Mike Twomey at (770) 968-1623 or mtwomey@cityofmorrow.com.

Foundation

Clayton State Foundation Board member State Rep. Virgil Fludd will give the keynote address at the Feb. 11 Black History Month program at the Peachtree City Library. Fludd, a successful business man and community leader, is currently president and CEO of the Carvir Group, Inc., a consulting firm that provides management search and executive recruiting services to clients across the country.

Freedom Run

Top 10 men's finishers in the Jan. 15 Freedom Run 10K at Clayton State were: Mike Desmelik, Todd Stein, Michael Anderson, Bo Benge, Dustin Smith, Justin Platt, Bruce Jenkins, Luis Monge, Judd Ficklen and Seth Smith. Top 10 women's finishers were: Chaplin-Swann, Casey DeLong, Angela Bowie, Carolyn Ross, Jacqueline Vaughn, Sparkle Griff, Tammy Bentley, Alyse Henry, Quincy

Faber and Toky Chanchevalap. Top 10 men's finishers in the 5K were: Eric Heintz, Mark Vidov, Yao Seidu, Micah Gilbert, Jimmy Poss, Daniel Kolber, Ben Platt, Drew Carff, Sean Davis and Warren Toro. Top 10 women's finishers were: Janice Platt, Theresa Winterhalter, Rosey Glidewell, Wendy Cope, Wendy Carff, Jeanne Daprano, Michie Pitts, Jean Turner, Jackie Jennings and Lindsay Rust.

Language and Literature

Clayton State University's first African American Read-In was held on Monday, Feb. 5. Sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) and the NCTE Black Caucus, and hosted by Clayton State's Language & Literature Department, the Read-In was endorsed by the International Reading Association. A total of 11 faculty, staff and students took part with 17 poems and book excerpts being read.

Clayton State continued its spring 2007 Visiting Writers Reading Series on Wednesday, Feb. 7 with a reading by Clayton State Theatre Director and Edgar Award-winning author Phillip DePoy. The next reader will be Camille Martin on Wednesday, Feb. 28 in UC 327 at 7:30 p.m.

Nurse Managed Clinic

The Nurse Managed Clinic host an open house Wednesday Feb. 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to celebrate, tour the clinic, and learn more about the services offered at the student health clinic. Also included will be giveaways -- folding chair, blanket, school bag, sweetheart basket -- 50 free health screenings for glucose and cholesterol, 25 free HIV tests and free food.

Procurement Services

The General Services Administration has announced an increase in the single standard mileage rate to \$0.485 effective Feb. 1, 2007 for all authorized state travel. This rate is effective for travel on or after Feb. 1. The increased

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mileage rate can be found on <http://admins-services.clayton.edu/procurement> and click under Accounts Payable then click on travel regulations. All travel regulations and the new rates can be found on the State Accounting Office (SAO). If there are any questions, please contact Procurement Services.

Public Safety

Sundiata Bradshaw, OITS, was selected as a quarterly Clean Air Campaign Spotlight Winner for being one of the Clean Air Campaign's most versatile commuters. "It is great that he uses three different clean commutes; telework, transit and carpooling!" Tiffany Rooks, outreach assistant, said. Being selected as a Spotlight Winner meant that Bradshaw received \$100 in Visa gift cards. Tiffany brought the prize to campus on Feb. 6.

University RideShare held its monthly drawing for carpoolers on Feb. 2. See if you know any of the winners: <http://admins-services.clayton.edu/ps/winners.htm>. If you carpool, you might be a winner too. Contact Joan Murphy in Public Safety's University RideShare for more information (678) 466-4262 or joanmurphy@clayton.edu.

School of Business

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Smith Awards

The Staff Smith Award Committee encourages you to be thinking about

who you would like to receive this honor. There are many hard-working and well-deserving individuals on campus. Don't let one of your co-workers go unnoticed. The Smith Award Committee (Amber Dimkoff, Sondra Landrum, Jivaro Lovett, Tiekeya Reed, Bob Ward, Lydia Vanderford) will be distributing the forms to Staff Council delegates next Wednesday, Feb. 14 for disbursement to all constituents. The nomination will also be posted online. All nomination forms should be submitted to Sondra Landrum. The deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 28.

Spivey Hall

Spivey Hall presented Young People's Concerts for families, students, and interested adults on Tuesday, Feb. 6 (African Drum Performance) and Thursday, Feb. 8 (Clayton State Gospel Choir).

Staff Council

Athletics and SmartBodies will host the next Campus Connect on Feb. 12 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Athletics & Fitness Center.

Join Staff Council's Professional Development Committee and Dr. Mark May on Feb. 13 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in T220 for an interactive seminar, "Expanding the Leadership Toolbox: Choosing the Most Effective Leadership Style," in which participants learn when various leadership styles are most effective.

Students

Clayton State Information Technology major Megan Maloy, along with a co-worker, played the Georgia Lottery's \$500 Million Club Game last Friday. The result? Maloy got to split a \$1 million winning ticket from the new instant lottery with Barbara Scarbury. A McDonough resident, Maloy is now the University's best-known IT major.

University System

The January issue of the University

System of Georgia's The System Supplement is now available online at: http://www.usg.edu/pubs/sys_supp/.

This week's issue of the University System of Georgia's Legislative Update is now available for downloading at <http://www.usg.edu/pubs/lu/>. Back issues of the newsletter are also available there.

Women's Forum

Join the Clayton State Women's Forum on Wednesday, Feb. 14 for a special Valentine's Day Women's Forum with special guest speaker Phillip DePoy, director of the Clayton State Theatre. The Forum will run from noon to 1:30 p.m. in room 101 of the Downs Center. The cost of the luncheon is \$12. Please R.S.V.P. to Sharon Bookmiller by Feb. 9, (678) 466-4281 or sharonbookmiller@clayton.edu.

Women's History Month

In March, the Clayton State University Women's History Month Committee presents a month of events celebrating and reflecting on women's contributions. As part of this celebration, we invite students, staff, and faculty to submit descriptive essays that explore how women as artists, thinkers, performers, athletes, activists, and pioneers in history have personally and/or professionally empowered you to pursue your goals and dreams. The author of the winning essay will receive a cash prize of \$100 and two runners-up will each receive cash prizes of \$50. In addition, the winning essays will be published in the March edition of the Bent Tree and presented at the closing event for the month's celebration. Essays should be no longer than 500 words and should be submitted by Feb. 12, to Dr. Wendy Burns-Ardolino at wburnsar@clayton.edu or Dr. Deborah Deckner at DeborahDeckner@clayton.edu.



Life's Transitions

Jon Akers, son of Leigh G. Wills in Clayton State's Office of University Relations, was killed in a traffic accident on Hwy 29 in the early morning hours on Friday, Feb. 9. Funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep Leigh and Russell Wills and family in your prayers.

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parted in the drill, which was put on by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and paid for by grants from the CDC and Homeland Security.

The scenario was a courtroom takeover similar to the one two years ago in a Fulton County courthouse, which left four people dead and the entire Metro-Atlanta area paralyzed for several hours. In order to make the training worthwhile the situation needed to appear real.

Even though the courthouse was aware of the drill, some of the security officers were not, and in a routine sweep of the courtrooms, they found a suspicious looking package. A lock down ensued and the authorities were notified. Even though it wasn't part of the scheduled drill, the courthouse security officers passed the first test of an emergency with flying colors. After the "test" was over, the scenario proceeded as planned.

"The experience gave me a unique perspective on how a network of professionals can come together to handle an unthinkable crisis," said Yuko Zarzaca, another Clayton State nursing student. "We not only learned how to handle ourselves as healthcare providers, but we also learned from the victim's point of view."

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has mandated training for everyone who is a responder and this practice is a vital part of that training, according to Tom Bennett, emergency

preparedness coordinator with the Clayton County Board of Health.

"This exercise helps to implement communication between departments, including utilizing the command structure," said Bennett.

"I never realized all of the work that takes place as one prepares for and assists in disaster relief efforts," added nursing student Nicole White. "It is such a huge operation and takes assistance from many different groups of people. I truly enjoyed learning what to do from the healthcare perspective and also the victim's perspective."

When asked who is ultimately in charge of an emergency situation, Bennett said it all depends on the nature and the scope of the emergency. Local authorities will take charge if the threat is at a county or state level.

"If it is a health related emergency, the CDC is in charge," said Bennett. "If it is a terrorist or criminal event, then the FBI is in charge."

Clayton State nursing students received some valuable training that day; but so did the responders who took care of them. The students were able to provide feedback and assess the EMS response as well.

"Mr. Bennett is a wonderful person to work with and made us feel like an inte-

gral part of the drill," said student Deborah Morris. "We were able to experience (slightly) the terror and horror of a true emergency and the heroic efforts of the SWAT team, firefighters, medics, police, and their dogs. It was very enlightening and informative."

"Tom Bennett is the number one response for a disaster," added Laurie Rister. "He has the largest airport as well as the airport used most by the CDC in his county, so he is especially at risk for this kind of disaster. We had a front row seat to an event that our nation should be doing towards national disaster."

"The day was about two-and-a-half weeks long," Bennett said with a grin and then added that it took about two to three months of planning.

"But all in all, the day went well," he continued. "The perpetrators were caught, the white powder was identified by the state lab within hours and everyone was treated for injuries. Every agency got the opportunity to find areas for improvement."

"There's no way to be perfect, but you can always find ways to improve." ■



Loffert (center) as Hoopoe in the Clayton State Theater production of "Conference of the Birds."

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arrival in 2004. In addition to Loffert earning a major role with Theatre in the Square, fall 2006 graduate Andrea Rowe, who directed student Ralph Stovall's one act play "Three Sides to Every Story," now teaches theatre classes at a private school and recent graduate Redd Horrocks, who appeared in several Clayton State Theater productions, is now on staff at the Horizon Theatre.

"Students who have been involved with Clayton State Theater now hold administrative, teaching and artistic positions at three different locations within a month of the theatre major being finalized," says DePoy. DePoy plans to continue building professional relationships to give Clayton State Theater majors an edge in theatre.

"Personally, the program has already done what it was intended to do: help those in the program get real world experience in work that they want to do professional," says Loffert of the new major.

Loffert, a resident of Hampton, is an active participant in Clayton State Theater and has performed in five Clayton State productions. She has also appeared in commercials and live events and has done film and print work. In addition to acting, she is a singer and dancer. She is heavily involved in The Henry Players and will play the role of Philia in "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" running February 22-25.

The Theatre in the Square production of "crooked" plays Tuesday through Sunday throughout April. Visit www.theatreinthesquare.com for more information and to purchase tickets. ■

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former president a couple of years ago. Paraphrasing, Gillon noted that Clinton, when asked the difference between Gingrich and himself, "shook a finger in my face," and said that the people who thought what happened in the 60s was good were essentially liberals like himself. Conversely, he added, those who thought the 60s were bad were more like Gringrich.

Actually, it's not that simple, even if you are a former president, Gillon pointed out in stating that history shows the somewhat forgotten fact that there was both a New Left and a New Right in the 60s, and that these two forces, the Left lobbying for choice and increased freedom, and the Right preferring the status quo and the more traditional values of the 50s and earlier, resumed their dispute in the politics of the 90s. Gillon also explained that this 60s clash was on hold in the 70s, when everyone was concerned with just making a living, and the 80s, when fear of the "Evil Empire" took center stage. However, the fall of the Iron Curtain, Clinton's election in 1992 and the Republican Revolution of 1994 brought the 25-year old conflict – as much a civil war as the bloodshed of the 1860s - - back to the forefront, given that Clinton was both the first Baby Boomer, and the first representative of the Woodstock Generation, elected president.

"Everything about his [Clinton's] style reminded people, especially conservatives, of the things about the Sixties they did not like," noted Gillon, adding that Clinton's politics were actually quite centrist. "It was a battle over the 'culture of choice.'"

Who won the battle? Gillon says it was a victory for the culture of choice, but that it is unlikely that it has yet resolved the essential conflict of the 1960s. In comparing the

events of the 1860s to the 1960s, he said, "Both civil wars produced a generation that was scarred by the memory of the struggle, and deeply divided over its meaning."

A professor of history at the University of Oklahoma when he's not working for the definitive history source in the electronic media, Gillon has anchored The History Channel Sunday morning current events program, HistoryCENTER, since its debut in 1998, and also hosts Reel to Real. In between those duties and his professorship at Oklahoma, he has appeared in numerous network specials, including History vs. Hollywood and The Presidency Revealed. He has also anchored live broadcasts marking the 60th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and the dedication of the World War II memorial in Washington D.C.

Gillon appeared at Clayton State courtesy of his publisher, the Houghton Mifflin Company, and his appearance was co-sponsored by the Clayton State Social Sciences Department and the Clayton State History Society.

Previously a lecturer on Modern History at England's legendary Oxford University, and an associate professor of History at Yale University, Gillon earned his A.M. and Ph.D. in American Civilization from Brown University. Since 2002, he has been named a "Distinguished Lecturer" by the Organization of American Historians.

The author of a number of critically acclaimed books (including those used in Clayton State's HIST 2111 and HIST 2112 classes) and articles on a wide range of topics in American history, he also served as a contributing editor of George



Nurse Managed Clinic Conducts Health Education Seminar Series

by Leigh G. Wills, University Relations

The Nurse Managed Clinic will be conducting a series of health education seminars beginning Monday, Feb. 12, from noon to 1 p.m. in the James M. Baker Center, room U267.

Next week's lecture will be on AIDS/HIV, and will include a 30-minute presentation, followed by a question and answer period. Subsequent lectures will follow on Mar. 1 and Apr. 5 at the same time and location. The March lecture will address cholesterol and nutrition and the April lecture, alcohol and drugs. All are free and open to the public.

The purpose of the series is two fold. As part of their course requirements, the seminars will be presented by

Registered Nurses who are enrolled in the B.S.N. Completion Track program. The second is to give Clayton State students (and anyone else who is interested) an opportunity to learn more about real-life issues facing today's society.

The Nurse Managed Clinic has chosen topics that coincide with the National Health Calendar in an effort to keep the topics practical and meaningful. Seniors Candis Freeman, R.N., Nicole Williams, R.N., and Angela Holman, R.N. will be the presenters for this series.

For more information about the seminars, call the Clayton State Nurse Managed Clinic at (678) 466-4940.

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schools in the Dubuque area. Vinot will attend several of these concerts to speak about her creative process.

“When Atonality Almost Won’ was written during my freshman year at Clayton State, right after I was introduced to atonal music,” recalls Vinot. “I was not a fan of atonality, but for the sake of adding variety to my music, I decided to incorporate it into a piece in such a way that the piece would not be considered entirely atonal. I decided that in the piece, there would be conflict between the use of tonality and atonality amongst the instrumentalists. Not only do the performers express the conflict in the music, but they use their bodies and facial expressions to dramatize the program of the piece for the audience.

“Being a fan of tonal music, tonality was, of course, victorious in the struggle.”

Arrell adds that the composition was first performed during a Clayton State master class, sponsored by the Clayton State Student Chapter of the Society of Composers, that he arranged with a visiting string quartet in the spring of 2005. ■

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are intended to attract the best faculty and the best students to the academy. To do this, the university will work to redesign its organizational structure and in the future, establish centers and institutes within the colleges and schools. In the meantime, Clayton State University will continue to transform itself with additional undergraduate and graduate programs, expanding curricular and extra-curricular activities and growing its programs and majors.

A new strategic theme for the university includes positioning the institution as a unique comprehensive university with a competitive advantage designed for students and faculty. “...so in the future,” says Hoffman, “we might join our sister universities across the nation as one of those wonderful metropolitan universities.” ■

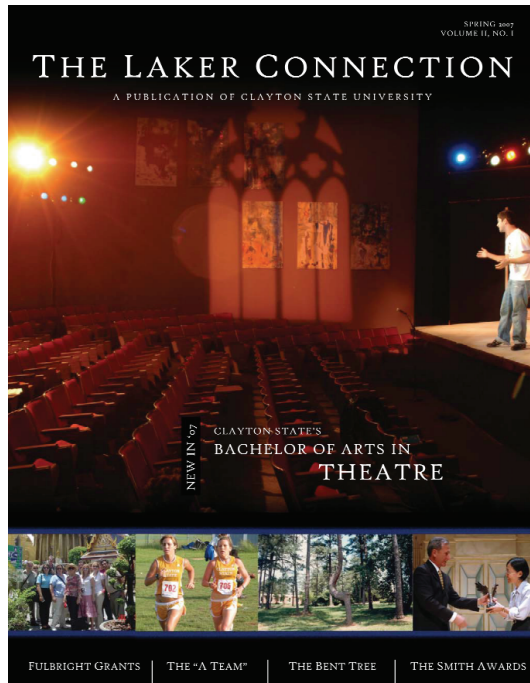
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Magazine from 1997 until 2001. Among his many publications are two college textbooks: “The American Paradox: A History of the United States Since 1945” (Houghton Mifflin, 2nd ed. 2006), and “The American Experiment: A History of the United States” (Houghton Mifflin, 2nd

ed. 2005) with co-author Cathy Matson. His most recent book is “10 Days that Unexpectedly Changed America,” the companion volume for The History Channel special which aired in April 2006. ■

“The Laker Connection” Magazine Volume Two, Number One Now Available

Volume Two, Number One of the Clayton State University magazine, The Laker Connection, has arrived from the printer. More than 12,000 copies have already been mailed to Clayton State alumni throughout the country. University Relations also has a copy for every Clayton State employee, as well as for special events such as open houses, orientation, graduation... in fact, any event that will include the public. All offices and departments are urged to contact Director of University Relations John Shiffert at johnshiffert@clayton.edu to state how many copies will be needed for the next six months, since the next issue of The Laker Connection is scheduled for July 2007. ■



Want copies? Email JohnShiffert@clayton.edu

Upcoming SmartBodies Choose 2 Lose Educational Sessions



These sessions are open to ALL on a space available basis. Please feel free to bring your lunch, or an evening snack for yourself!

What Burns Fat BEST

Tuesday, Feb. 13, 5:30 p.m.,

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 12:15 p.m.

Is there really a fat burning zone in which to exercise that will miraculously melt the fat away? It says so on the treadmill console!

Avoiding Self-Sabotage

Tuesday, Feb. 20, 5:30 p.m.,

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 12:15 p.m.

An open discussion about portion distortion, liquid candy and the other little things you do during your day that end-up canceling the positive changes you've made. Are you inadvertently setting yourself up for failure?

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Healthy Living Can Lead To A Healthy You...

Wellness is the process of obtaining knowledge about healthy living and actually applying this knowledge to your everyday life. This process can lead to a more balanced lifestyle and can have positive effects on your mind, body, and mood.

"You do not get to choose what happens to you and your body, but you can choose what you want to do about it."
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"People who laugh actually live longer than those who don't laugh. Few persons realize that health actually varies according to the amount of laughter."
James J. Walsh

For more information on this or other topics, please feel free to contact Counseling Services:

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<http://adminservices.clayton.edu/counseling>

Valentine Alumni, cont'd. from p. 4

**Charles '02 & Melissa (Burrell) '02
Crownover**

"I met my sweetheart (now my husband) at Clayton State in the fall of 2001. It was our senior year, and we seemed to have every class together. It was in Dr. (Michael) Dies' class that we first met, but it was in Dr. (Gary) May's class that we had to work together. Between classes we could meet up in the library, workout in the gym, or take walks around the lake.

"After college, he wanted to fly for the USMC, and I wanted to continue focusing my career in Atlanta. We stayed in touch even after graduation and would visit each other when possible, till he proposed to me in December of 2004. We were married in April 2005 and now call home Wilmington, NC. He is stationed at New River Air Station and is a Cobra pilot. I am an IT systems Engineer at GE Nuclear here in Wilmington. So, with that all said..... It was at Clayton State that I met my sweetheart."

Jeffrey '01 & Sherrie '01 Eoff

"Jeff & I meet in a Student Government Association meeting on campus in the fall of 1999 when I was a senior. Jeff had taken time off before starting college so he was just a freshman.

"Jeff was trying to join the Honors Program (partly for the prestige and partly to impress a girl). Dr. (Gene) Hatfield was the director at the time, and he encouraged Jeff to join some extracurricular activities his first semester on campus, before he became eligible to apply for Honors. He suggested the SGA, since I was the current SGA president and had served as Honors President. I was already dating someone at the time, but Jeff and I became very good friends.

"He found out my then-boyfriend was planning to officially propose and had bought the ring, and I guess Jeff couldn't stand it anymore. He wrote me a letter telling me how he felt and worked up the courage to give it to me, and needless to say, I chose Jeff.

"Campus was so important to us that it is where Jeff proposed and where we chose to have our engagement pictures made. If I could have finagled a way to get married on campus, we would have done that too!"

Levi & Lauren (Baker) '04 Graves

"I saw Lee for the first time when we were both students at Clayton State. He didn't look like my type - tattoo, bleached blonde hair, baggy pants, etc. One Sunday at church, I noticed the same guy sitting in our youth section. No two guys could look that alike, so I thought I would introduce myself when I saw him again at school. The next day at school I saw him in the Student Center - and he was swearing at the LINX card machine. I told myself I would never marry a guy like that ... We began going on group functions with church, and he cleaned up his look and language. I started dating the very guy I promised myself I would never marry.

"Not only did we meet at Clayton State, but we also got engaged there too - in the CE parking lot, to be exact. We had been dating almost three years. I had given him my car keys so that he could have a spare made, and while he had access to my car, he filled the entire car with rose petals. When I went to leave work that day, I discovered the roses. I was so excited by the surprise, I went to go tell my coworkers how sweet he had been, but as I turned to go back towards the building, I saw Lee walking across the parking lot. In his hand was a single rose and tucked inside the petals was a

ring. So, as fate would have it, we met and got engaged at Clayton State."



**Jefferson '97 & Cheryl (Domitrz) '97
McKelvey**

"When I first met him, I said 'Wow, he is really cute.' Not knowing that I would be married to him later that year. We met in accounting class in January of 1996, fell madly in love, got married in December of 1996 and have been married for 10 years."

Nick '91 & Christi '91 Zuniga

"I met my husband at Clayton State. What a great place to meet guys! We met on April 1st, 1988. I always stayed late to practice the piano, and Nick always stayed late to work in the art room. We met in the hallway through a mutual friend, and then we bumped into each other a little later. I asked if he wanted to share a Coke, and he said, 'Yes.' The rest is history.

"We were married on July 31, 1993 and now live in Omaha, Nebraska with our two little Chihuahuas. I play piano in an orchestra, and he is a graphic artist for an architectural firm, so not only did Clayton State help us find our soul mates; it also helped us find our careers. Thank you, Clayton State!"

More Sweethearts...



**CLAYTON STATE
ALUMNI SWEETHEARTS**

Shaun '05 & Angela (Davis) '03 Baddock
Charles '97 & Chanda '97 Battles
Jeff '96 & Diane '90 (Shubert) Benzon
Harvie '99 & Kristie '00 (Iturbe) Berry
Wyetony Cribbs '00 & Sonya Brown '00
Melvin '85 & Penny '85 Burnett
John '92 & Donna '92 (Warwick) Burkett
William '97 & Georgia '93 (Heaton) Chancellor
Michael '99 & Michelle '00 Chapman
William '99 & Lydia '99 Chipman
Charles '04 & Michelle '03 (Braun) Clendenen
C.D. '78 & Sharon '78 Collins
Ray '93 & Vicki '89 Corely
Wyetony '00 & Sonya '00 Cribbs
Mike & Rachel '90 Crumbley
Paul '95 & Julie '00 (Rivenback) Cronan
Charles '02 & Melissa (Burrell) '02 Crownover
Charles '86 & Janet '83 Dickson
Adrian '01 & Mandy '00 (Cowan) Drury
Jeffrey '01 & Sherrie '01 Eoff
Gary '99 & Rachel '00 Fisher
Mark '99 & Rhonda '99 Fugate
Paul '98 & Dixie '98 Gasper
Josh '96 & Kim (Hamilton) Kammerer
Paul & Shawn '04 Nelson
Chris '02 & Joni '02 (Guffey) Gruwell
Joe & Sherry '79 Hamilton
Richard '98 & Starr '98 Helms
John '86 & Tracy '86 Horsely
Manny '01 & Sarah '02 (Ernest) Juarez
Jefferson '97 & Cheryl (Domitrz) '97 McKelvey
Terry '97 & Patricia '97 McAfee
Wesley '94 & Maria '94 Miller
Robert '00 & Diana '00 Palma
James '02 & Allyson '04 (Rutledge) Peeples
Nathan '04 & Sara '04 (Foley) Prisk
Chanci '02 & Slyvia '04 (Hollingsworth) Shy
Michael '90 & Paige '90 Spratlin
Robert '81 & Glenda '82 Sturdevant
Geoff & Dina Swearngin '97
David '94 & Natalie '94 (Taubert) Viti
Russell '95 & Leigh '04 (Duncan) Wills
Doug '76 & Debbie '78 Walker
Nick '91 & Christi '91 Zuniga

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the program only one day during tax season. But due to popular demand, it is now being offered five days this year. If you are interested in filing your taxes with the help of Clayton state's VITA program, you must meet certain criteria. Students are qualified to assist with this year's personal taxes for citizens who have an annual income of less than \$36,000. They cannot assist with small business, self-employed or out of state tax returns.



The following documentation will be necessary to complete the tax forms and should be brought to whichever session preferred: photo identification; social security cards for both the tax payer and his/her spouse and dependents; birth dates for primary, secondary and dependents on the tax return; current year's tax package (if you received one;) wage and earning statement(s) Form W-2, W2-G and 1099-R, from all employers; interest and dividend

statements Form 1099, interest and dividend statements from banks; a copy of last year's Federal and State returns, if available; bank routing numbers and account numbers for direct deposit.

Other relevant information about income expenses, such as daycare costs and the daycare provider's identification number should be available as well. Both spouses must be present to sign the required forms to file electronically on a married filing joint tax return. Filing electronically will help expedite a refund is eligible; usually within two weeks.

For additional information, call (678) 466-4527. Dates and times are listed on the message and if you have additional questions leave a message and an accounting student will call back. To get a complete listing of dates, times, location, and criteria, visit <http://studentorg.clayton.edu/acctclub/VITA.htm>. ■

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details concerning the dinner will be released later this month.

"We have moved the dinner to Saturday in hopes of accommodating out-of-town alums that otherwise would not be able to attend," says Swearngin. "The Association is expecting a record number of attendees this year, and we always look forward to hosting this grand event."

The Alumni Association is currently accepting nominations for its 2007 Distinguished and Outstanding Alumni Award win-

ners. Nominations may be submitted online by visiting the Clayton State Alumni Association site at www.clayton.edu/alumni2.htm. A link to the distinguished alumni web pages is located on the right side of the homepage, and once on the distinguished alumni page, there is a nomination form and complete listing of previous award winners at the top of the page.

For more information, please contact the Clayton State Office of Alumni Relations at (678) 466-4477 or by email at gidrowell@clayton.edu ■

Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEWS

CIA (Central Intelligence Agency)

Thursday, Mar. 15

5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Information Session

Athletics & Fitness Center, Room E-45

Friday, Mar. 16

Interviewing on campus for

- 1) Core Collector: Operations Officer/Collection Management Officer;
- 2) Staff Operations Officer;
- 3) Collection Management Officer-Headquarters-based Specialist;
- 4) Operational Targeting/Specialized Skills Officer;
- 5) NCS Language Officer;
- 6) Professional Trainee Program Graduate or graduating spring semester 2007 Submit a resume and make an appointment with joanmcelroy@clayton.edu

Walgreens

Thursday, Mar. 29

Interviewing on-campus for:

- 1) Retail Management Trainee: Alumni, Graduating Spring or Summer 2007, low to mid \$30,000's, benefits
- 2) Retail Management Internship: Designed for college students to complete during the summer between their junior and senior years, May through August, 40-hour work week, \$12 to \$14 per hour Submit a resume and make an appointment with joanmcelroy@clayton.edu

Hertz

Wednesday, Apr. 11

Interviewing on-campus for Management Trainees

All bachelors level majors and 1+ year of customer service and/or relevant sales experience

Graduate or graduating spring semester 2007

Submit a resume for a pre-select screening with joanmcelroy@clayton.edu

ON-CAMPUS RECRUITING

Primerica

Wednesday, Febr. 14

University Center Main Street

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

F/T or P/T Business Opportunity for Representatives and agents
Benefit: Low interest student loan refinancing available

UPCOMING EVENTS

Georgia Independent School Association Teacher Job Fair

Sunday, Feb. 11

1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Sheraton Buckhead Hotel

3405 Lenox Road, NE, Atlanta, GA

Henry Co. Schools Teacher Job Fairs

Friday, Mar. 23

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Merle Manders Conference Center, 111

Davis Road, Stockbridge, GA 30281

Must have completed an application found at: www.pats.henry.k12.ga.us

Mock Interviews

Tuesday, Feb. 20

Career Services, Upper Lobby of Student Center

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Email adrianewillis@clayton.edu for an appointment

Finding an Excellent Internship

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Career Services, Upper Lobby of Student Center

12:30 p.m. or 5 p.m.

RSVP to adrianewillis@clayton.edu

Resume Remedies

Monday, Mar. 12 and Tuesday, Mar. 13

University Center Commons

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Bring a copy of your resume for expert advice!

The Career Expo

Thursday, Mar. 15

Athletics & Fitness Center

1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

A job fair for currently enrolled students and graduates of Clayton State University

All majors are invited to attend

Bring copies of your resume and wear business attire

Registration is on-site, bring your LakerCard

Business Etiquette Dinner

Thursday, Apr. 5

6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Presented by Peggy Newfield of Personal Best, Inc.

Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education

Advance Ticket Purchase Required

(\$15-cash or check) from Career Services

Women For Hire

Thursday, Apr. 5

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Cobb Galleria Centre

College-to-Career Fair

Tuesday, Apr. 10

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Cobb Galleria Centre

A state-wide job fair for member schools of the Georgia Association of Colleges and Employers

Bring copies of your resume and wear business attire

Pre-registration will be open soon!

HOT INTERNSHIPS

Georgia Society of CPA Real Estate

Section Summer Internship Program

Application deadline is March 10, 2007

Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International

Airport 2007 Summer Internship Program

Application deadline is March 9, 2007

2007 Southern Education Leadership

Initiative. Applications must be post-

marked by March 12, 2007

Emory Summer College Intern Program

Application deadline is March 30, 2007

NASA Undergraduate Student Research Program (NASA-USRP)

Application deadline for fall semester is February 28, 2007

White House Internship Program

Application deadline for summer semester is March 6, 2007 and for fall semester is June 26, 2007.

Simmons Wins 200 and 400-meter Events at Indiana Relays

Clayton State junior Eric Simmons turned in a record-setting weekend by winning both the 200m and 400m events at the Indiana Relays, hosted by Indiana University. Simmons' times exceeded NCAA Division II provisional minimums and were team records.

"Eric turned in the single best performance by a Clayton State athlete," stated Clayton State head coach Mike Mead. "You have got to consider the level of competition which was heavily Division I. This meet has prepared him for indoor nationals next month."

Simmons ran preliminary times on Friday of 48.31 in the 400m and 21.77 in the

200m. The Carrollton native's 200m time was the fastest of the day, bettered the NCAA Division II provisional time and eclipsed the school record set by former Laker and teammate Carlos Guyton.

In Saturday's finals, Simmons won the 400m in 47.72 which broke Guyton's mark of 47.95 set at the 2005 NCAA Division II Indoor Championships. Simmons' time was .02 off the automatic qualifying standard for Division II. In the 200m final, Simmons beat out Indiana's Keith Heerdegen with a time of 21.82 to win his second 200m title in as many weeks. ■

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Belt. The Lakers are now tied for first place in the PBC South Division with Columbus State, a 78-75 winner over Georgia College on Wednesday.

Trailing 46-26 at halftime, Clayton State mounted a tremendous rally in the second half, shooting 53 percent from the field and a whopping 64 percent from 3-point range. The closest the Lakers would get down the stretch was five points.

The first half was one the Lakers would rather forget. Clayton State managed only

28 percent shooting from the field in the first half, including only 15 percent from 3-point range. Like Saturday's game at USC-Upstate, the Lakers got behind early as Augusta State scored the game's first eight points.

Nikkisha Prtichett scored 16 points off the bench to pace Clayton State, while Tracey Brown recorded a double-double with 15 points and 12 rebounds. ■

Trivia Time

Saturday Night Special

by John Shiffert, University Relations

Despite the inventive imaginations of legions of fiction writers, real-life plots and/or attempts to assassinate U.S. presidents seldom involve the elaborate, high tech plans so beloved by novelists.

From the two misfires at Andrew Jackson on the steps of the Capitol, to Joe Zangara, to Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, the means of choice has always been that favorite of the NRA, the handgun, or the "Saturday Night Special" that Lyrnd Skynrd sang about. The one notable exception? Lee Harvey Oswald (whether or not you choose to believe he acted alone.)

Although no one came up with that exact answer, creative responses (all assassins but one were men, they were all shot, only one would-be assassin eventually went free), each good for a point, came from Norman Grizzell, Tom Eddins, Rob Taylor, Lou Brackett, Kurt-Alexander Zeller and Dina Swearngin.

Having just referenced them... where did the name "Lyrnd Skynrd" supposedly come from? Send your answers to johnshiffert@clayton.edu.

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Steve Smith drained a 3-point basket with four minutes remaining to make the Jaguar lead 70-61.

McLaurin scored 23 points to pace Clayton State, while Brandon Kelley scored 11 points. Michael Sloan, John Beugnot and Jerome Boyd each added seven points for the Lakers.

Clayton State finishes the three-game road swing with a 4 p.m. showdown at Georgia College on Saturday. ■

Basketball Results

Men

Clayton State 89 USC-Aiken 73
Clayton State 76 Columbus State 77
Clayton State 74 USC-Upstate 49
Clayton State 67 Augusta State 67

Women

Clayton State 64 USC-Aiken 68
Clayton State 85 Columbus State 47
Clayton State 69 USC-Upstate 65
Clayton State 79 Augusta State 84

Sports Page

Augusta State Defeats Clayton State 76-67 in Peach Belt Top 25 Showdown

by Lee Wright, Sports Information

Wednesday's much-anticipated Peach Belt Conference Top 25 showdown between Clayton State and Augusta was all it was hyped up to be. However, the visiting Lakers could not make some key plays down the stretch and dropped a 76-67 decision to Augusta State at Christenberry Fieldhouse.

The defeat drops 10th-ranked Clayton State to 19-3 overall and 8-3 in the Peach Belt. Sixteenth-ranked Augusta State, meanwhile, is now 19-3 overall and an undefeated 11-0 in the Peach Belt. The Jaguars, who won their 11th straight

game, now lead Clayton State by three games in the Peach Belt South Division.

Despite shooting only 33 percent from the field in the first half, Clayton State stayed virtually toe-to-toe with the Jaguars. Tyrekus Bowman was tough for the Lakers to contain as the junior forward scored 20 points in the first half. However, Clayton State finished the half on a 9-3 run to pull within four points at halftime 34-30

However, Augusta State shot 59 percent in the second half, including 63 percent from

3-point range. With Clayton State center Aristide Sawadogo on the bench with four fouls, Augusta State utilized its seven-foot center Garrett Siler in the second half with 13 points.

But Clayton State showed no quit. Behind the play of senior guard Todd McLaurin, the Lakers battled back with a 12-3 run. McLaurin's baseline jumper with 7:55 remaining trimmed the Augusta State lead to 60-57. However, Augusta State increased its lead back to nine points as

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Second-half Clayton State Rally Comes Up Short in 84-79 Defeat at Augusta State

The Clayton State Laker women's basketball showed plenty of heart and determination in the second half of Wednesday's Peach Belt Conference game at Augusta State. However, a 20-point halftime deficit was too much for Clayton State to overcome as the Lakers dropped an 84-79

decision to Augusta State at Christenberry Fieldhouse.

The defeat dropped 17th-ranked Clayton State to 18-4 overall and 8-3 in the Peach

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